

Greville Janner

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Background

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Greville Ewan Janner, Baron Janner of Braunstone, QC (11 July 1928 – 19 December 2015) was a British politician, barrister and writer who was alleged to have abused vulnerable children—he died before court proceedings could formally establish the facts. He became a Leicester Labour MP in the 1970 general election as a last-minute candidate, succeeding his father. He was an MP until 1997, and then elevated to the House of Lords. Never a frontbencher, Janner was particularly known for his work on Select Committees; he chaired the Select Committee on Employment for a time. He was associated with a number of Jewish organizations including the Board of Deputies of British Jews, of which he was chairman from 1978 to 1984, and was later prominent in the field of education about the Holocaust. Allegations that he had sexually abused children first emerged publicly in 1991, but Janner denied them and no action was taken. The accusations re-emerged shortly before Janner's death, and although the Crown Prosecution Service considered that there was enough evidence to merit prosecution, they decided that it would not be in the public interest as Janner had been diagnosed as suffering from dementia. This decision was overturned on review, although Janner was ruled unfit to plead. At the time of his death a trial of the facts had been scheduled for 11 April 2016, but was shelved following his death; six complainants intended to sue his estate. In a statement issued after the CPS decision in April 2015, his family said that Janner was innocent.

Relationship to #Pizzagate

Connection to [Michael Jackson](#)

Roughly a decade before Janner would finally be discovered to have been a pedophile himself, on July 12, 2005, Janner congratulated [Michael Jackson](#) on being cleared of charges for child sexual abuse. From the Daily Mail article, *Labour peer Lord Janner accused of child sex abuse wrote to Michael Jackson congratulating him on being cleared of molesting a child*, by Arthur Martin, published on June 14th, 2015:[1]

Suspected paedophile Lord Janner wrote to Michael Jackson congratulating him on being cleared of child sex charges, it emerged yesterday.

The Labour peer, who has avoided prosecution over 22 child abuse allegations, sent the letter shortly after the singer was cleared by an American jury of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor.

Using personalised House of Lords paper, he wrote: 'I was so very pleased at the news of your acquittal. What a terrible time you have endured.'

The pair met in June 2002 when Janner gave Jackson – accompanied by spoon-bender Uri Geller and US illusionist David Blaine – a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

At the time critics said the visit threatened to undermine the credibility of Parliament because the pop star had previously faced allegations of abusing a teenage boy.

Connection to [David Blaine](#)

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